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## BOOK REVIEWS.

**STREET RAILWAY REPORTS ANNOTATED.** Reporting the Electric Railway and Street Railway decisions of the Federal and State Courts in the United States. Edited by Frank B. Gilbert, of the Albany Bar. Vol. 2. Matthew Bender. Albany, N. Y.: 1904.

It is with pleasure that we note the arrival of the second volume of this most important series. Street railway law is in itself a distinct department of the law. The principles governing the liability of street railways materially differ from those of other common carriers, because street railways occupy the streets in common with the citizens and have no rights of ownership in the streets. The distinction growing out of these facts has been recognized and applied by our Virginia Court of Appeals. The doctrine of the law of negligence, as applied to street railway companies, has therefore become especial in its nature.

The volume contains four recent Virginia cases: *Northington v. Norfolk Railway and Light Company*, 102 Va. 446; *Richmond Passenger and Power Company v. Gordon*, 102 Va. 498; *Richmond Traction Company v. Martin &c.*, 102 Va. 205; *Richmond Traction Company v. Williams*, 102 Va. 253. To the Martin case is appended a valuable note on injuries to intoxicated persons. The notes in this series seem to be of great value. Among the many questions upon which copious notes are given are the following:

Liability of a street railway company for the ejection of a passenger.

Issue and acceptance of transfers, including the right to eject a passenger for attempting to ride on a transfer improperly punched.

Injury to passengers riding on a platform or running board of a car; liability for starting car before passenger has alighted; failure to stop at a point indicated by the passenger, etc.

Injury caused to passengers by running car at excessive speed.

Collisions with pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles in the streets and highways.

Duty of person to look and listen before crossing track.

Horses frightened by negligent operation of street cars.

**A TREATISE ON THE INCORPORATION AND ORGANIZATION OF CORPORATIONS CREATED UNDER THE "BUSINESS CORPORATION ACTS" OF THE SEVERAL STATES AND TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES**, including therein a synopsis-digest of the general Incorporation Acts of the several Commonwealths, with decisions bearing thereon; also forms for drawing charters under the laws of the several States and Territories; general and specific object clauses for insertion in charters; by-laws, minutes, etc., etc. By Thomas Gold Frost, LL. D., Ph. D., of the New York Bar. Author of "Treatise on Guaranty Insurance," "The French Constitution of 1798," etc. Little, Brown & Co. Boston: 1905. \$3.75 delivered.

The author of this book is the general counsel for the National Incorporating Company, and as such has had exceptional facilities for the preparation of such a work, which is in fact a treatise on comparative incorporation law in the several States of the United States. The title of the book above quoted fairly discloses its scope. The author states that a vast majority of the decisions of the courts of this country, rendered prior to 1870, so far as they relate to corporation

law, are for the most part a veritable legal "junk shop," representing either what is now "hornbook law," or else overruled cases.

There has been in the last few years a most astounding growth in the statute law governing corporations. In examining this work we naturally turn to that portion devoted to Virginia corporations. The book affords a most excellent opportunity for the ready comparison of our statutes with those of other States. The legislator who may desire to improve our corporation act may obtain the greatest assistance from this work. The forms and precedents contained in the book will be found of service to the practitioner.

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**THE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF BUSINESS CORPORATIONS.** By Walter C. Clephane, LL. M., of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States; Professor of the Law of the Organization and Management of Corporations in the George Washington University of Washington, D. C. West Publishing Company. St. Paul, Minn.: 1905. \$2.50 delivered.

The author does not claim this work to be a treatise on corporation law. Indeed, that field is so fully covered that it is far more important to the profession at this time to have a practical collection of forms and precedents, mapping out in detail the course which must be pursued in the incorporation of a company, and its careful, safe and successful management. In this work only such principles have been stated as are necessary to the proper understanding of the organization of corporations and the details of their management. The book will be valuable to the Virginia lawyer, but must of course be read having constantly in mind the provisions of our statutes.

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**MANUAL OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT WITH FORMS.** Full and correct information for the conduct and transaction of all kinds of corporate business, from organization, adoption of by-laws, to winding up proceedings. Useful and of pecuniary value to lawyers, corporate officers, directors, agents and members. By T. Carl Spelling, author of "Law of Private Corporations," etc., etc. Bender-Chaquette Co., Publishers and Law Book Dealers. San Francisco, Cal.: 1904. \$4.50 delivered.

This book is intended for ready reference in every-day corporation business. The author attempts nothing more than to state in the simplest form the fundamental principles of corporation law with explicit directions as to corporate management and reference to cases supporting the statements made in the text. All subjects with which ordinary business corporations have to deal are clearly discussed, and the procedure illustrated by carefully drafted forms. It is to be regretted that there is no book devoted specially to the organization and management of Virginia corporations under our new Act. Until such a work appears some such book on corporate management as is reviewed in this issue is almost essential to every lawyer having corporation practice.

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**RECOLLECTIONS AND LETTERS OF GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE.** By his son, Captain Robert E. Lee. Doubleday, Page & Company. New York: 1904.

The book and the author are "well met." It would not have done for a man of a cold heart to undertake to handle "Recollections and Letters of Robert E. Lee." The father was a man of a warm, gentle, kindly and affectionate nature; it would have been very incongruous for a son of a different spirit to attempt to